The W & B Community Minibus is run by Wouldham Parish Council in partnership between Wouldham and Burham Parish Councils and Compaid and operates as a not-for-profit community transport scheme. In 2023 a brand new 15-seater minibus was leased with funding from Kent County Council.



The minibus is driven by a team of wonderful volunteer drivers who have all completed a minibus driving awareness course and we always welcome new recruits!

Day Trips for Residents

The bus service offers excursions to places of interest outside the village such as historic venues, garden centres, markets, events and the beach.

Passengers must be registered as a member of the Community Bus Scheme. The membership fee is £10 per year. Please download Membership Form below or call the Parish Council Office for further information.

Weekly Shopper Bus

Compaid runs a regular weekly shop and ride service for residents who would still like the independence of doing their own shopping or going for coffee/lunch in local Medway towns. The shopper bus provides a local pick-up service to a local supermarket with a café as well as central drop off points in local towns. The charge for this is £10.00 flat rate for a return trip and must be booked in advance and you must be a member of the Scheme.

Community Groups

Community Groups can use the minibus at competitive rates (dependant on availability) for a few hours or a full day (Weekends, Fridays and afternoons). Groups must be registered as a member of the Community Bus Scheme. The membership fee is £20. Please download a Group Membership form below or call the Parish Council Office. Groups must provide their own drivers (25 – 75 yrs), who need to complete FREE training as a volunteer driver and register with the scheme. (Volunteer Drivers may be available on request)

Hire charges

Rate per session:

- £90 for up to 4 hours
- £170 for full day (8 hrs) excess hours by arrangement

Plus

- 60p per mile
- Group Membership fee of £20.00 (one-off charge).

A non-refundable deposit of £50 per booking is required.

Drivers Wanted

The bus trips provide a real boost to many of our older residents and volunteer drivers are always needed to keep the scheme going. Full training is given, free of charge, and you could make a real difference in the community as well as getting out to some interesting locations.

Register as a volunteer driver now: whatever time you can spare; enjoy free days out; help your community.

For more details, to make a booking or to enquire about volunteering, call Tina on 07904281522 or email the Parish Council at <u>clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk</u>